

I Wanted to Love You Johnny Greyeyes
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I wanted to love you
But you couldn't make me laugh
And you told me
The only good Indian is a dead Indian
The cemetery
on the Rez
Was the last scene in the movie
Don't you remember
You shot him dead?
You loaded that 22
And let him have it
IndianMan Father Dead
IndianMan Drunk Beater Dead
I wanted to love you
But you couldn't make me laugh.

Native Rez Lesbians
Have the longest black Hair
Butch fem prisoner
Native Rez Lesbians
Have the longest black Hair
Longer than Native heterosexual sisters
Longer than Native heterosexual brothers
Makes romance easy
Not quiet and sweet
Like at the 49 Drum
Under stars
Maybe it's the prison bars
Native Woman Rez Lesbian
Butch Fem Lover Prisoner
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Your girlfriend committed suicide
They found the hidden picture of your love
After she died
Why did you run cold water
And use that knife?
We are survivors
We want life
To be the average life span of Native People
Even if it's only 42 and six months
Even if we are prisoners
Just ask Leonard
I wanted to love you
But you couldn't make me laugh.

I wanted you to be my sweetheart
My fantasy Native girl
I wanted to love you
I wanted to laugh
To see your Brown Eyes smile
Catching the warmth of unexpected love
To be morning doves
Never far apart
I wanted to sing you songs
Make your heart beat fast
Make love in oh that sweet Lakota way
Our hands touching in quiet patterns
Our mystery we will not betray
I wanted you to be my sweetheart
I wanted to love you
But you didn't make me laugh.

